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SUBJECT: CAMBODIA AIRLIFT CONTINGENCY PLANNING

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1. BASED ON MINIMUM DAILY REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH REFERENCE (C),

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FOLLOWING ACTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE INITIATED NOT LATER THAN

FEBRUARY 18, 1975 TO MEET EARLIEST START DELIVERY DATE OF 26 FEBRUARY.

A. SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR LABOR TO ENTER TON SON NHUT TO RECEIVE AND PALLETIZE RICE AND POL.

B. START DELIVERY OF RICE TO AIRFIELD NOT LATER THAN 22-23 FEBRUARY TO BUILD UP A THREE DAY RESERVE. THIS WOULD REQUIRE 78 SEVEN TON TRUCKLOAD PER DAY FOR RICE. NECESSARY WAREHOUSING TO STORE AND PALLETIZE RICE MUST ALSO BE OBTAINED.

C. OBTAIN A MINIMUM OF 9920 NEW OR NEARLY NEW METAL DRUMS FOR POL PRODUCTS. THIS WOULD PROVIDE A 15 DAY SUPPLY AND IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE DRUMS WOULD BE RECYCLED FOR REFILLING IN THIS PERIOD. TO MEET THE DAILY REQUIREMENT FOR POL EXPRESSED REFERENCE (C), WE WOULD HAVE TO AIRLIFT ABOUT 662 FILLED DRUMS PER DAY. THIS WOULD REQUIRE 9-10 C-130 SORTIES DAILY LOADED AT 28,000 POUNDS PER SORTIE FOR A TOTAL OF 70 FILLED DRUMS PER PLANE WEIGHING 400 POUNDS PER DRUM.

D. OBTAIN NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND ESTABLISH A DRUM FILLING FACILITY WITH NECESSARY LABOR AT THE AIRPORT NOT LATER THAN 22-23 FEBRUARY, 1975 TO BUILD UP A THREE DAY BACKLOG. POL PRODUCTS WOULD BE MOVED FROM NHABE TO THE AIRFIELD BY TANK TRUCKS WITH A CAPACITY OF 26,000 POUNDS EACH TRUCK. THIS WOULD REQUIRE CONTRACTING FOR 10-11 TRUCKS PER DAY ASSUMING ONE TRIP PER TRUCK PER DAY.

E. OBTAIN NECESSARY GVN CLEARANCES FOR AIRCRAFT AND AIRLIFT.

2. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 51-52 C-130 SORTIES PER DAY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO LIFT 665 TONS WITH EACH SORTIE LIFTING 28,000 POUNDS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT EACH C-130 SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF A MINIMUM OF SIX SORTIES PER DAY WHICH WOULD REQUIRE 9 AIRCRAFT PLUS 3-4 SPARES FOR MAINTENANCE, BREAKDOWN, ETC. ALSO, C-130 PALLETS SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH EACH AIRCRAFT. THIS WOULD PROVIDE ONE LOADING, ONE ENROUTE AND ONE AT DESTINATION PLUS ONE SPARE PER PLANE TO COVER BREAKAGE AND LOSS.

3. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT SUFFICIENT NEW OR GOOD CONDITION DRUMS
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CAN BE OBTAINED IN SAIGON TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT SET FOR PARA 1(C) ABOVE. SINGAPORE WOULD BE THE CLOSEST SOURCE OF SUPPLY AND PROCUREMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE INITIATED IMMEDIATELY.

4. FORKLIFTS WILL BE REQUIRED AT BOTH LOADING AND DISCHARGE FIELDS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SIX 7000 POUND FORKLIFTS WITH HIGH USAGE REPAIR PARTS WILL BE REQUIRED.
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